

Berlin Ready to Disavow Sussex Sinking, But Washington Fears Break Will Come

TROOPS RACE AFTER VILLA 300 MILES BELOW BORDER

Cavalry Pursuit Nears Foothills of the Sierras.

MEXICANS TURN AGAINST BANDIT

Keep Pershing Informed
of Movements—New
Base Established.

By ROBERT DUNN.
(By Wireless to Columbus, N. M.)
Expeditionary Headquarters, Colonia
Dublan, Chihuahua, March 27.—
There is still a chance of catching
Villa. The stern chase is closing up.
The cavalry is fit at any instant to
take the trail, but the infantry has
had a march of 180 miles in eight
days and must rest.

General Pershing has established
a new advance base 120 miles south
of here.

Supplies continue to rush south-
ward to the new base. General
Pershing is still here. Land line
communication continues defective.

Extensive fires are seen in the
mountains southwest of here, in the
Villa country.

Cesar Grandes, Chihuahua, Mex-
ico (by wireless to Columbus, N. M.)
March 27.—Villa is flying southwest
toward the foothills of the Sierras.

According to army reports re-
ceived here to-day the rapidity of
his flight is hastening the American
pursuit.

All arms of the service are being
used in an attempt to force the ban-
dit into a corner.

The Mexican residents of this sec-
tion, which has been ravaged time
and time again by Villa bandits, are
freely giving information concern-
ing Villa's flight, supplies, arma-
ment and strength to the American
military authorities.

While much of this information has
been too indefinite to be of value, it
is presumed the knowledge that the
Americans are kept informed as to his
movements has influenced the bandit
chief to the greatest haste in his
retreat.

Although the United States troops
are following closely in his wake so
far, it is stated, no fighting has taken
place.

Villa May Make Stand.
Expeditionary Headquarters, Colonia
Dublan, March 26.—Evidence
that Villa is preparing to resist the
American pursuing columns and that
the Mexican people are not as yet rally-
ing to him has been collected by the
officers and the scouts of the American
troops.

Officers who have ridden over the
various fronts have found numerous
indications that Villa miscalculated
completely when he predicted his Col-
umbus raid would cause a general up-
rising against Americans.

The status of the chase to-day is
that Villa is retreating continually south-
ward, trying to force recruits into his
ranks. His men are feeling the pinch
of hunger and are hoping for an early
summer to shield them against the cold
of the mountains, where they have re-
treated "somewhere south of Nami-
quipa."

The one question of overshadowing
importance now being asked by offi-
cers in the field is: "Will Villa con-
tinue to prepare for resistance?"

It is frankly hoped he will, for that
is considered the best chance, barring
a lucky capture through treachery of
Villa's own men, of bringing the Ameri-
can expedition to an early successful
conclusion. If Villa refuses to make
any resistance, the men who have been
over the ground here believe it may re-
quire months at least to crush him.

Mexicans in "Watchful Waiting."

An officer who has been through
many Villa camps where the bandit had
passed within a week found to all ap-
pearances that Villa had failed to in-
flame sentiment against the Americans.

"These rural people," said the offi-
cer, "are in ignorance of any reliable
facts about the nature of the American
expedition. They have been told that
the Americans are an invading army, a
dangerous enemy; that they must fight
for their lives. But all those whom I
saw seemed to be a very credulous
people."

"They appeared to be waiting—with
some suspicion, it is true, but neverthe-
less waiting—before making up their
minds. This waiting I took to be a
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VILLA SURROUNDED, SAYS GENERAL GAVIRA

Carranza Chief Reports Defeat
of Bandit Band.

Queretaro, March 27.—Minister of
War Obregon to-day received advices
from General Gavira describing another
severe defeat inflicted on the Villa
bandits in the neighborhood of Nami-
quipa. The date on which the defeat
was administered was not mentioned,
but Villa and his followers were said
to be surrounded.

In this skirmish, the advices say,
thirteen bandits were killed and 101
horses and a number of stands of arms
were captured.

General Gavira optimistically de-
clared in his dispatches that Villa was
being so closely harassed as to make
his capture a question of but a short
time.

SCARLET FEVER GERM CAUGHT AND STUDIED

Boston Physicians May Conquer
Disease by Vaccine.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
Boston, Mass., March 27.—Scarlet
fever, not only a dangerous disease in
itself, but one that opens the way for
other ailments of even greater danger,
such as pneumonia, diphtheria, tuber-
culosis, measles and nephritis, may
soon be conquered, it is believed, as a
result of the work of two Boston phy-
sicians.

Dr. F. R. Mallory, pathologist of the
Boston City Hospital, and his assistant,
Dr. E. M. Medlar, have been working
on scarlet fever cultures for two years.
They have isolated and studied the
germ and believe that they are well in
the way to discover an effective anti-
toxin and vaccine.

Dr. Mallory believes that a vaccine is
all that will be required, as the treat-
ment of the disease is already well un-
derstood.

BOWERY CONVERT DIES, TAKING JINX WITH HIM

Some Lay It to Injuries, Others
Blame "13" Hoodoo.

James Kane, fifty-five, a Bowery
character, who "got religion" at the
Midnight Mission, at 57 Doyers Street,
on March 23, died yesterday morning
at the Tuxedo, N. Y., Hospital. He was
found on the Erie tracks about a mile
east of Tuxedo station with his right
arm cut off at the elbow and his left
leg severed at the knee. He gave his
address as 48 Woodhull Avenue, Brook-
lyn. In his pocket was his card of
conversion at the mission.

D. J. Hubbard, superintendent of the
mission, said Kane was the thirteenth
man to stand up and promise to re-
nounce evil and fight for the Lord.
When he realized the significance of
the number the convert said: "Hard
luck. Thirteen has been my hoodoo all
my life."

The police said he came to the Bow-
ery from a suburb of Buffalo about
thirty years ago, after his fiancée had
deserted him on the day set for the
marriage. The date was the thirteenth.

Town Snowed In; War Blamed.

Ironia, N. J., March 27.—The roads
in this vicinity are still closed by the
heavy snowdrifts of the last few storms.
Because all the men are busy making
ammunition for the Allies. So alluring
are the inducements of the powder fac-
tories that the men are leaving the
women to run the dairies and farms.

YALE GETS IN LINE TO AID MARJORIE

Under the caption "Marjorie's
Battle Ship Buys Here" "The Yale
Daily News" notes in its issue of
March 23 that Yale has followed the
lead of other universities in taking
an organized interest in the Battle-
ship Fund, as recorded in The
New York Tribune. We now note
that "The Register" has started to
cooperate in this most practical
movement, and we feel sure that
there are many in the university who
like ourselves, share this inter-
est. Such a cause rightly de-
serves the support and cooperation
of the nation as a whole and all of
its citizens who have or ought to
have the welfare of the Republic at
heart. We have seen how well Yale
has responded to the call of "Patri-
otism" in the establishment of the
Yale Battery. Let her respond with
equal fervor and enthusiasm to this
universal appeal of our little friend
Marjorie for her Battleship America.
If every one in the university con-
tributes a dime toward the Battle-
ship Fund \$300 can be raised. Surely
this is not asking too much from
Yale. Boxes to receive contribu-
tions have been placed in Yale Sta-
tion, Byers Hall, Commons and the
Taft. The money that is collected
will be turned into "The Register"
fund.

R. STANLEY YOUNG,
ELISHA K. CONVERSE,
GEORGE CARRINGTON.

Total received by The Trib-
une to date.....\$3,564.58
Number of contributors.....28,262
Number of contributors to
out-of-town papers at last
report (March 25).....30,000
Further news of the fund will be
found on page 6.

WAITE ADMITS KILLING PECK, BROTHER SAYS

Tells Swann Prisoner
Confessed, Calling
Suicide Tale Lie.

MRS. HORTON SAW
HIM BUY GERMS

Plaza Friend Describes
Trips for Diphtheria
Bacilli.

District Attorney Swann learned last
night from Frank A. Waite, brother of
Dr. Arthur W. Waite, that the story
told by the latter, that he bought ar-
senic for his father-in-law, John E.
Peck, to commit suicide, was a lie.

If Arthur Waite repeats to-day to
Mr. Swann, as he is expected to do,
the story he told his brother Frank in
the prison ward of Bellevue yesterday,
he will admit that he murdered Mr. Peck.

According to a report from the Dis-
trict Attorney's office last night, Ar-
thur Waite, after a long, tearful talk
between the brothers, said to Frank:

"I gave him the arsenic myself. I
killed him, but not Mrs. Peck. I lied
when I said Mr. Peck wanted to kill
himself."

Mr. Swann had already decided to
hold up the indictment of Waite, in the
expectation of more sweeping revela-
tions by the prisoner. Another arrest
may be made to-day, as the result of a
new line of investigation.

Meanwhile Mrs. Harry M. Horton be-
came the centre of attention in the
case. She tried to see him in Bellevue
Hospital, but was blocked by the Dis-
trict Attorney. Instead, she spent sev-
eral hours at the prosecutor's office
under close questioning, during which
she admitted going to a bacteriological
laboratory with Waite when he pur-
chased germs and that he had shown
them to her under a microscope.

Through her testimony and that of
others the full story was developed of
the way Waite had been dabbling in
considerable quantities of deadly bac-
teria. According to the District At-
torney's theory, he got them to make
war with the members of the Peck
family who stood between him and his
wife's share of the family wealth. It
is believed he tried them, but gave them
up when he found their action too
slow, and resorted to the quicker ar-
senic.

Insanity Defence Started.

The first step was taken in Waite's
behalf to lay the basis of an insanity
defence. Walter Drew, an attorney
employed by his aunt-in-law, Miss Cath-
erine Peck, gave this statement to Dis-
trict Attorney Swann, signed yesterday
by the prisoner's aged father:

"I, Warren W. Waite, of Grand
Rapids, Mich., depose: That my father,
Milo Waite, left his home and family
in Cannonsburg, Kent County, Mich., in
the month of June, 1871, and never re-
turned. Also that two of my cousins,
being children of my mother's sister,
are and have been confined in the in-
sane asylum at Kalamazoo, Mich. One
of these, Lillie Jackson, was an inmate
there for many years and died there.
Another, Bert Jackson, is now there,
and still another, Ed Jackson, has been
treated for mental trouble in Grand
Rapids and Ann Arbor."

District Attorney Swann said that the
state was ready to combat the insanity
defence, and that he would press the
case to trial in the firm belief that
Waite was sane. He said there would
be no move on his part for the appoint-
ment of a commission before trial to

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BRITISH STORM SECOND LINE NEAR YPRES

London Claims Cap-
ture of Trenches on
600-Yard Front.

FIRE AT VERDUN
AGAIN INTENSE

Germans Shelling Vaux
and Douaumont, but In-
fantry Is Inactive.

London, March 27.—The British and
Germans have been fighting fiercely in
the region of St. Eloi, south of Ypres
and five miles northwest of Arras, and
the British, through the explosion of a
big mine and by infantry charges, have
captured or destroyed a considerable
portion of the German trenches.

The British infantry stormed and
took first and second line trenches
along a front of 600 yards, London of-
ficially announces, and Berlin admits
that German trenches in this region
were blown up to an extent of 100
yards, and that "casualties were caused
among the company occupying the po-
sition."

Again the bombardment has become
intense to the northwest and north-
east of Verdun, and considerable ac-
tivity by the big guns also has been
shown in the Woerwaere region, southeast
of the fortress. The time seemingly
is not ripe, however, for an infantry
attack, and the men of both sides have
lain idle in their trenches awaiting the
moment for attack and counter at-
tack.

Bombardment Intense at Verdun.

The Germans, after a period of com-
parative quiet, have again begun shelling
Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and
Cumières, west of the Meuse, and are
keeping up, with increasing volume,
their bombardment of the French po-
sitions in the region of Vaux and
Douaumont, which have been stumbling
blocks for several weeks in their at-
tempts to gain ground northeast of
Verdun.

French shells are falling on the Ger-
man positions in the Argonne and
northeast of the St. Mihiel salient.

"By an extensive mine explosion
early this morning," says the Berlin
statement, "the British damaged our
position near St. Eloi, south of Ypres.
More than 100 yards of trenches were
blown up. Casualties were caused
among the company occupying the po-
sition."

"In the district northeast and east
of Verdun we were successful in
mine fighting and took some prisoners."

Lens Again Under Fire.

"Further south near La Boisselle,
northeast of Albert, some weak English
detachments attempted to advance
against our positions. They were pre-
vented by our fire."

"During the past few days the British
again shelled the town of Lens."

"In the Argonne and in the region of
the Meuse artillery and other firing dis-
continued only temporarily."

The official communication issued by
the Paris War Office to-night follows:

"Between the Somme and the Aisne,
in the neighborhood of Maucourt, after
an intense bombardment, the Germans
attempted a sudden attack on one of
our first line trenches, but this com-
pletely failed."

"In the Argonne the activity of our
artillery continued at various points
along the enemy front, especially in the
sector of the Cheppy wood. Our long
range guns shelled troops moving in
the direction of Exermont Châtel and
exploded a munitions depot."

"West of the Meuse the bombardment
was quite intense on our front com-
prising Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme
and Cumières, as well as east of the
Meuse, in the region of Vaux and
Douaumont. There were some gusts of
artillery fire in the Woerwaere. No in-
fantry action occurred."

"Northwest of St. Mihiel we bom-
barded at long range the station and
enemy establishments at Heudicourt. A
number of wagons were demolished.
The building took fire."

TUBANTIA TORPEDOED, DUTCH EXPERT FINDS

Amsterdam, March 27.—The
"Handelsblad" says an
expert investigation proves
conclusively that the Dutch
liner Tubantia was sunk by
a torpedo with a bronze air
chamber, which is found
only in the Schwartzkopf
torpedoes, made in Berlin.

The torpedoes used in the
British and French navies,
the newspaper says, have
steel air chambers. One of
the experts suggests that the
Tubantia might have been
torpedoed by a small German
torpedo boat stationed at
Ostend.

The "Handelsblad" urges
Holland to join the United
States in demanding of Ger-
many that she will not tor-
pedo merchantmen without a
preliminary investigation.

PRESIDENT LOSING FAITH IN GERMANY'S PROMISES

Entire Question of Submarine Warfare Likely To Be Laid Be- fore Senate and House.

PIECE OF TORPEDO FOUND ON DECK OF THE SUSSEX

All Americans Now Accounted For, Embassy at Paris Reports—Three Are in Hospitals Badly Hurt.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, March 27.—President Wilson will take drastic
action against Germany as soon as definite proof is received
that a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex or any other
legally immune vessel on which there were Americans, ac-
cording to statements in high official quarters here to-night.
It is declared that the Administration is weary of evasions and
excuses, is fast losing faith in Germany's promises, is ex-
asperated at the German propaganda here and has about given
up hope of bringing the Kaiser to observe international law or
American rights.

It was stated authoritatively here to-day that if a German
submarine made the attack on the Sussex the imperial gov-
ernment would disavow the act, punish the submarine com-
mander, offer reparation and satisfy the United States that the
act was in violation of instructions. Thus it seemed to-night
that the issue might narrow down to the question of whether
the United States would be willing to accept such a declaration
from the Berlin government.

HUGHES IS MAN, LODGE BELIEVES

Senator Says Justice Is
Strongest Man in
Country.

By HOWARD D. HADLEY.
(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
Boston, March 27.—In the opinion
of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, either Jus-
tice Hughes or Theodore Roosevelt will
be named for President at Chicago by
the Progressives and Republicans.

Senator Lodge personally would like
to help nominate and elect his lifelong
friend, Colonel Roosevelt, to the Presi-
dency again, but he is going to Chicago,
if he is elected as delegate, as he cer-
tainly will be on April 23, with just
one object in view—namely, to help
name the strongest man, and he will
not allow his personal preferences to
swerve him.

Senator Lodge believes to-day that
the strongest man in the country is
Charles Evans Hughes. Moreover, he
believes neither Hughes nor any one
else can decline to accept a call to
serve his country at a time like the
present.

Senator Lodge is a candidate for re-
election as Senator from this state and
has a personal interest in having the
strongest man named. He talked
frankly to-day to friends while here
on this matter. He thinks it is a time
for plain speaking.

The Senator may visit Colonel Roose-
velt at Oyster Bay. He has already
communicated with the Colonel, and
has not hesitated to inform him that it
is extremely doubtful that he could
defeat President Wilson as matters
stand to-day. As a matter of fact,
Colonel Roosevelt himself has told
close friends and admirers in New
England that he cannot be elected un-
less he is chosen as the nominee of a
wellnigh unanimous vote of the Pro-
gressive and Republican conventions.

New England for Hughes.

There is no sign in New England that
Roosevelt will be drafted. Vermont is
practically unanimous for Hughes. Her
delegates have not been selected, but
those probably will be ex-Governor
George H. Prouty, Secretary of State
Guy W. Bailey, Stanley E. French,
chairman of the Republican State
Committee, B. Johnson, of "The Ran-
dolph Herald," ex-collector of Customs
Olin Merrill, ex-Lieutenant Governor
Frank E. Howe, ex-Secretary of State
Fred A. Howland and E. R. Morse, gen-
eral manager of the Vermont Marble
Company. All are for Hughes from
start to finish.

Maine will vote solidly for Hughes
on the first ballot and stay with him
until he is nominated.

New Hampshire will be for Hughes,
although if Senator Weeks, of Massachu-
setts, had any chance he would be
nominated. George H. Moses, of Concord,
one of the delegates-at-large, would
vote for him. Possibly Melville Short-
tuff, of Lancaster, may cast one or two
complimentary votes for Weeks. Lan-
caster is Senator Weeks's native town.
Rhode Island will be solid for
Hughes.

Connecticut is reported to be lining
up for Hughes.

Poor Roosevelt Work.

Here in Massachusetts indications
multiply that the "Roosevelt first"
campaign is bumping on the rocks.
There has been very poor teamwork in
the Gardner-Cushing-Bird-Washburn
campaign.

A little incident happened which will
illustrate. A circular made its ap-
pearance embodying a fac-simile letter from
Charles Sumner Bird, urging voters to
support the "Roosevelt first" candi-
dates, giving seven reasons. On the
back of the circulars was a harmless
cartoon showing Murray Crane
looking at Senator Weeks groping around
in the dark, carrying a dark lantern, and
over the picture the question, "Who do
they want?"

The Crane-Lodge-Weeks-McCall
newspapers, thinking they might make
a few votes, raised a cry that Crane
and Weeks were being represented as
bank burglars or porch-climbers to
steal something. To the great sur-
prise of the "Roosevelt first" men.

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TORPEDOED, SAY EIGHT ON SUSSEX

Embassy Gets Affidavits from 6 Americans and 2 English Witnesses.

By FRED B. PITNEY.
(By Cable to The Tribune.)
Paris, March 27.—The American Em-
bassy here continues to gather af-
fidavits from both English and Ameri-
can passengers as to the sinking of the
Sussex, and now has six American and
two English. All agree that the Sussex
was torpedoed. While all testimony
so far received says that the bottom
was wrecked, that part of the boat had
no water in it after the accident,
which is considered strong confirma-
tion of torpedoing.

Ambassador Sharp received a letter
this afternoon from Professor Baldwin
saying that the professor's wife and
daughter were saved and, with the pro-
fessor, are at Wimereux, near Boulogne,
where the daughter is in a hospital
suffering from severe shock and con-
cussion. The letter says she has been
in a stupefied condition since her re-
cuse from the Sussex, but Professor
Baldwin hopes that it is only the effect
of shock. Friends in Paris read in the
letter, however, a fear of internal in-
juries.

All the Americans known to have
been on the Sussex now are accounted
for. Of these three are seriously in-
jured—Miss Baldwin, W. G. Penfield,
and G. H. Crocker. The last two are
in Dover. According to the news re-
ceived by the American Embassy in
Paris, Crocker is wounded in the back
of the head. He has not yet recovered
consciousness and there are grave fears
for him.

The opinion among American diplo-
mats here is that the fact that no
Americans were killed does not relieve
President Wilson of responsibility to
act. The placing of American lives in
jeopardy and, beyond that, the serious
injury of three Americans are deemed
sufficient to place Wilson in the posi-
tion that action by him is demanded.

Friend Gets Baldwin Letter.

Paris, March 27.—The following let-
ter, written by Professor Baldwin and
dated Wimereux, March 25, has been
received by Donald Harper, an Ameri-
can lawyer in Paris, member of the
firm of Boardman & Platt, of New
York:

"Dear Harper: Knowing you knew
we were coming on Friday, March 24,
I write to tell you we are all safe, but
Elizabeth is seriously injured. We are
here with her in the hospital. Will
you kindly spread the news there?"

Professor and Mrs. Baldwin are at
the Hotel Sussex, at Wimereux, a short
distance north of Boulogne.

Joshua Dickinson Armistage, of New
York.

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What the Ballet Wears

Not the least striking feature of the Russian Ballet is
what the ballet wears. See the new costumes before the
ballet starts.

A double page of hitherto unpublished pictures of
the costumes to be seen on Monday next is in The
Graphic Picture Section on Sunday. Your newsdealer
will see that you see them if you tell him to-day to de-
liver your copy.

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